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SUBJECT:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR HELP IN  
IDENTIFYING ONE REXFORD SMITH, NOW IN LAGOS, NIGERIA.

AMERICAN EMBASSY LAGOS REPORTS LOCAL NEWSPAPER RAN  
INTERVIEW WITH ALLEGED U.S. CITIZEN REXFORD SMITH, BORN  
FEBRUARY 20, 1956 IN NEW YORK CITY OF JAMAICAN PARENTS.

SMITH STATES THAT ON AUGUST 23, 1976 HE WAS TOLD  
COUSIN BARBARA(LAST NAME UNKNOWN)WAS BEING HELD NEAR  
TIMES SQUARE BY KIDNAPPERS. STATES HE WAS IN MILITARY  
UNIFORM AT TIME AND ARMED AND THAT HE ENGAGED IN GUN  
FIGHT AND AUTO CHASE IN COURSE OF WHICH ABDUCTORS KILLED  
THREE BYSTANDERS AND SMITH KILLED TWO ABDUCTORS. SMITH  
STATES HE WAS THEN ARRAIGNED ON CHARGE OF CONSPIRACY TO  
COMMIT MURDER, JUMPED BAIL, AND TRAVELLED TO LAGOS.

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WHETHER ANY FACTUAL BASIS FOR STORY AND WHETHER SUBJECT IS  
OR IS NOT U.S. CITIZEN NAMED REXFORD SMITH. ANY INFORMA-  
TION YOU CAN PROVIDE SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE DIRECTOR,

OFFICE OF SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF  
STATE, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20520, ATTENTION ELIZABETH

POWERS. MS. POWERS MAY BE REACHED BY TELEPHONE AT  
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